

COUNTRY [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from the Altengrabow Troop Training Grounds

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 16 to 27 June 1951

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 19 July 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS

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1. Between 16 and 25 June 1951, no further units arrived at the Altengrabow (11 53/Z 00) training grounds by road or rail. However, discharges were observed departing and replacements arriving. NCOs and EM left aboard regular trains, allegedly for Burg, at a rate of 40 to 50 per day. It was said that they were shipped to Frankfurt/Oder [REDACTED] or processed to the U.S.S.R. for demobilization.

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2. Fuel arrived at the Altengrabow railroad station on two tank cars on 13 June and was drained into the large fuel installation at the station. The contents of seven tank cars were observed being emptied into this installation, whereas no issuance of fuel was noticed. [REDACTED] concluded that fuel dumps servicing the troops were located in the camp proper. A shipment of ammunition arrived during the night of 20 June and was unloaded at the ammunition depot.

3. It was said that three generals with their staffs were staying at the troop training grounds. They allegedly came from Bernburg, Rathenow and Potsdam. During the 1950 summer training period, the generals had come to the troop training grounds only for a few days, whereas they stayed there permanently this year.

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4. The ration supply depot at the troop training grounds received meat in refrigerator cars from Leipzig. [REDACTED]

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5. On 27 June, a convoy of eight trucks, [REDACTED] was seen moving through Gross-Luebars and proceeding toward Hohenlobbese. Each truck towed a 122-mm artillery piece and carried eight soldiers. Two artillery pieces, apparently heavy AT guns, were emplaced on the northern and southern edge of a patch of woods, about 2 km northwest of Gross-Luebars, about 200 meters west of the road which diverges from the railroad line. The gun crews were quartered in tents. A telephone line ran from the woods toward Altengrabow.

6. Materiel seen in the North Camp of Altengrabow included about 100 trucks and 40 artillery pieces. From 12 to 15 heavy guns were sheltered in the newly constructed sheds. Four heavy AA guns were emplaced at Klingeberge north of Doernitz. German women who worked in Camp Altengrabow stated that about 15,000 troops were there. There were three generals with the units which allegedly came from Burg, Brandenburg and Rathenow.

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Comment. [REDACTED] from Rathenow that a total of 85 boxcarloads of recruits were dispatched from there to Altengrabow between 4 and 23 June 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1A Since no shuttle trains with discharges have been observed to date traveling from Burg toward Frankfurt/Oder, it is possible that discharges from Burg used regular trains.

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Comment. [REDACTED] at Altengrabow until the end of June 1951 are the 6th Arty Div; the unidentified artillery division from Potsdam; the 25th RI Brig; the unidentified AT Arty Brig, possibly the 3d Fds; headquarters units of both the Third Shock Army and the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps; the 7th Gds Tank Div; the 31st AAA Div; and the 43d (Gds) Gun Arty Brig of the Eight Gds Army. In addition,

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[REDACTED] the 2d Gds AAA Div, the 10th Gds Tank Div, and the AAA division and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mts Army. A headquarters artillery unit of the Fourth Gds Mts Army which was previously reported to have been loaded at Loewenberg on 18 June may have moved to Altengrabow, as

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